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Petitioners,

v.

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION,
Respondent.

On Petitions for Writs of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

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MEMORANDUM FOR TEXACO INC., *ET AL.*, IN RESPONSE TO PETITIONS IN NOS. 680, 682, 683, 684, and 685

Texaco Inc., *et al.*, (Texaco, *et al.*), Respondents in Nos. 669, 691, and 692, and Conditional Cross-Petitioners in No. 681, hereby respond to the petitions in Nos. 680, 682, 683, 684, and 685, which also seek writs of certiorari to review the judgment and opinions entered by the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in this same case on March 19, 1970 and June 16, 1970. In response to these petitions, Texaco, *et al.*, state:

1. In Nos. 669, 691, and 692, Texaco, *et al.*, are filing a brief opposing the petitions on grounds of prematurity and on other grounds specifically directed to questions presented in those petitions. In Nos. 680, 682, 683, 684, and 685, Texaco, *et al.*, also oppose the granting of the

petitions on the grounds of prematurity set forth in their Brief in Opposition in Nos. 669, *et al.*, at pp. 7-11.

2. In the event the petitions in Nos. 680, 682, 683, 684, and 685 were granted, Texaco, *et al.*, would be aligned with the petitioners and not with the Respondent Federal Power Commission. While these five petitions raise several issues not raised by Texaco, *et al.*, these petitions also raise the four questions set forth in the Conditional Cross-Petition filed by Texaco, *et al.*, in No. 681. As to these questions, Texaco, *et al.*, therefore would be aligned on the merits with petitioners in Nos. 680, 682, 683, 684, and 685.

3. In the event the petitions in Nos. 669 and all related cases were granted, Texaco, *et al.*, would not oppose the request of Petitioner The California Company in No. 682 that the case then be "summarily remanded to the Court below with instructions to direct the Commission to reopen the case and proceed to such orders as it deems in the public interest."

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